

WOMEN FINED AS SPEEDERS

Three Assessed in Justice Courts After Arrests in Village

Three women pleaded guilty to speeding charges in Birmingham courts during the past week. Miss Florence Burman, 1221 avenue A, Flint, paid a fine of \$15 Monday in Justice Malcolm Hunt's court. Patrolman William Green made the arrest.

Miss Lillian Williams, 3761 Birmingham avenue, Detroit, arrested by Patrolman George Townsend, paid a fine of \$10 Thursday in Judge Hunt's court. A fine of \$10 was collected from Miss Catherine S. Campbell, Flint, Saturday in Justice Floyd S. Buck's court.

Five persons paid fines for minor traffic violations Saturday in Justice Hunt's court. Speeders topped the list, three paying on this charge. Fines of \$25 were collected from Earl Lambertson, 214 Forest avenue, Royal Oak, and Raymond S. Wood, 4326 Tyler

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Melvin C. Hart, principal of Baldwin High School: "It is a significant fact that candidates for high school teaching positions are continually presenting better qualifications as far as their college training is concerned. Applicants with Master's degrees are not uncommon. Competition in the teaching field is at present so keen that there is no chance for one who is not well prepared."

avenue, Detroit, for speeding, while E. S. Miller, 950 Reid place, Detroit, paid \$20. Patrolman Townsend made the arrests.

Charles Eschkanian, 9825 Dodge boulevard, Detroit, paid \$10 on a minor traffic violation charge.

Pleading guilty to a charge of driving without a trailer's license, Lewis Stizner, 3095 Cummings avenue, Berkeley, was fined \$5 in Justice Hunt's court.

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JAMES J. DAVIS

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Washington.—James J. Davis is so thoroughly tried a veteran at the head of the labor department—first in President Harding's cabinet, then President Coolidge's now in President Hoover's—that he takes his responsibilities very coolly.

In fact, he is secretary of labor at an exceedingly critical time—the climax of the most remarkable period of industrialization in the world's history—particularly intensive in America.

Approximately within Secretary Davis' term in office, the United States has been transformed from a predominantly agricultural into a predominantly manufacturing country. As if this were not enough, the industries today are in process of transition to an era of machine production which many economists believe will result in an enormous over-supply of every imaginable commodity, with correspondingly wide unemployment.

Secretary Davis sees the situation clearly enough. He discusses it with a readiness sufficient to show that he has thought of it from every angle. However, he does not allow it to upset him. Evidently he considers an emergency a suitable moment for excitement.

"Do you mind if I call in my barber while I talk to you?" he asked me, peeling off coat, collar and tie, as I entered his office. "Things pile up so I have trouble finding time for him."

And while the tonsorial expert

proceeded to lather, scrape, snip and shampoo, industriously, his subject went calmly on with the conversation.

"No, labor secretary is not one of those who believes that labor-saving machinery threatens extensive unemployment."

"Increased production means increased demand," he assured me. "Only a few people can pay for a very expensive article. Consequently the market for it is limited. Let labor-saving machinery enable manufacturers to begin turning it out at popular prices and everybody rushes to buy it. The market expands in proportion."

"Indeed, increased consumption outruns increased production. Presently the new method employs more hands than the old one did." History, to be sure, bears out Secretary Davis' argument. In the early days of steam, labor fought machinery bitterly, but machinery won; and, just as the secretary says, the change did bring improved conditions for the workers—ultimately.

However, the period of change was painful. "Yes, and it would be here and now, too, agreed Mr. Davis, if it were not for our immigration restrictions. These restrictions protect American labor."

"Even with restricted immigration," admitted the labor secretary, "the transformation of a plant is hard on the old hands, trained to the old system."

"Some managements have tried to readjust too rapidly. "Their plan has been to run, up to the last minute, on the old basis, and then shift overnight, to the new one. This has involved letting their old forces go, and changing to new ones."

"In the labor department, we have been preaching to them the necessity of a slower process."



JAMES J. DAVIS IS AN OPTIMIST—HE FAIRLY DIFFUSES IT



giving the veterans time for re-education."

Nevertheless, the more or less automatic tending of a piece of machinery can hardly demand the intelligence required of the handworker of yore. Is it reasonable to expect employers to pay the same or more money for less intelligence—that is, intelligence which is no longer needed, even though the worker may possess it.

"They must keep up wages," replied Secretary Davis, "or lose their customers. The wage earners in general, furnish the market for the industries, in general. Low wages, no sales."

"I think business men now are pretty well sold on that proposition."

True, increasing consumption did, earlier in the machine age, keep ahead of increasing production.

But will it continue to do so—at the present terrific rate.

Secretary Davis, now out of the barber's hands, nodded.

"Was there ever so prosperous a country as this one in recent years?" he asked—rhetorically, evidently expecting no answer.

Maybe not, but I could have told him some folk who are afraid of his machine age. I could have referred him to his own statistical bureau for doubts concerning it. I might have reminded him that

he, himself, is a hearty five-day-week advocate.

It would not have fazed him, though. Secretary of Labor Davis is an optimist. He has the hopeful and he expresses it. He also diffuses it. Nobody, they say, ever fails to leave James J. Davis' office in a more cheerful frame of mind than that in which he entered it.

GYROS TO HEAR HI PRINCIPAL

Choosing a profession will be the subject of the talk to be given before the Gyro club tomorrow by Melvin C. Hart, principal of Baldwin High School, at their luncheon meeting at the Chateau Tea Room. The program is in the charge of Frank Higbie.

Rev. Floyd E. Logee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was the speaker last week before the group. Mr. Logee stressed the importance of the service club in creating good will and congratulated the Gyros upon their organization. Service clubs are now in existence in 48 countries, he pointed out.

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